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MEMORANDUM

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Re: IRS' electronic filing initiative

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Sen. Chuck Grassley, chairman of the Committee on Finance, today made the following comment on the IRS' new electronic filing initiative.

"I'm glad to see the IRS has seen the light on one of the most common criticisms of electronic filing -- that it's too expensive -- and is advancing an effort that should provide free electronic filing to tens of millions of Americans. This is good news. A successful electronic filing program is something I've wanted for years. It should free up IRS staff and make it easier for the IRS to deliver the high quality customer service that taxpayers expect and deserve. It's also important that paper filing continues to be an option indefinitely for taxpayers who don't have access to computers."